



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/735,144 Confirmation No. 1570  
Applicant : Michael J. Shebek  
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Art Unit : 3751  
Examiner : Robert M. Fetsuga  
  
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Customer No. : 27268

**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, Applicant submits the following Response and Declaration of Bruce Holmes, one of ordinary skill in the field of pools and pool covers.

The Examiner objected to the Drawings because material cross-hatching is inaccurate in Fig. 6. Applicant is aware of the requirements of the C.F.R., namely 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(h)(3) which reads as follows:

(3) *Sectional views.* The plane upon which a sectional view is taken should be indicated on the view from which the section is cut by a broken line. The ends of the broken line should be designated by Arabic or Roman numerals corresponding to the view number of the sectional view, and should have arrows to indicate the direction of sight. Hatching must be used to indicate section portions of an object, and must be made by regularly spaced oblique parallel lines spaced sufficiently apart to enable the lines to be distinguished without difficulty. Hatching should not impede the clear reading of the reference characters and lead lines. If it is not possible to place reference characters outside the hatched area, the hatching may be broken off wherever reference characters are inserted. Hatching must be at a